My DEAR BROTHERS:—More than \$80,000 permanent cares during the past four years prove that my 'Wonder-Workers' are a God-send to weak men everywhere. There is not a case of Men's Weakness or Nervous Troubles of any kind anywhere on earth the matter whether caused by overwork, abuse or worry; and no matter whether the man be old or young! that 'Wonder-Workers' will fall to core quicker and at less expense than any other remedy made anywhere in the world, if simply used (at home, at your work) one tablet at a dose three times a day. They cured me in less than one month's time, at the see of forty-four years, when I like you, lacked that vitality without which a person is a man only in name, and after I had been nearly ruined by the frauds and fakirs who disgrace the medicine business. Bear in mind that I am the only man in the world in the business who has solemnly aworn that the medicine he sells cured himself, and that the names of all who buy It will be held sarred forever. Cures Varioocele.



I am the same Geo. S. Beck who is hated by every Free Sample schemer, Free Prescription fakir and C.D.D. fraud in America because of the manner in which I have exposed their infamous schemes. Their only object in making "Free" offers is to get the names of men who are vitally weak, so that they may harass them with their impudent letters and lying, fithy circulars; and I now again challenge all of these poison distributers to thoroughly sift and test my charges of villiany and fraud in any court they may select. If you have had any dealings with them you know that my charges are true.

Theg to assure you on my honor as a man that no matter whether you are married or single, old, young or middle-aged; or no matter whether your weakness or nervousness is caused by over-work, too frequent indulgence in legitimate pleasures, the practice of secret vice or the excessive use of strong drink or tobacco, the use of my "Wonder-Workers" will search every nerve center of your body, renne wevery tissue, develop every organ, strengthen every muscle, invigorate every function, and bring to you a perfect and permanent restoration of nerve attempth and manly vigor. The reason why Wonder-Workers" do this is because they are a Pura Nerve Food and Tonic, and because they are a Pura Nerve Food and Tonic, and because they do not contain any phosphorus, or Spanish fly, or any other of the poisons that make the vile non-trums sent out by the frauds and quacks so dangerous to human life. It is perfectly safe to use them at any time or under any circumstances, and their use will not fail to restore nastural attempth and vigor without atimulation in old or young.

Because of the wonderful merit of my Wonder-Workers' medicine, I have built up the largest mall-order medicine business in the world in less than four years, and have been compelled to remove from my old quarters at 430 S. Market St., this city, to 44 and 45 East Main Street, the largest business building in Springfield, in order to properly conduct my enormous business. If yo

tainment will be given Tuesday evening. The members of the schools and societies

CEO. S. BECK,

NETERANS DECORATE GRAVES. Members of Ransom Post to Visit Cemetery at St. James.

Ransom Post, No. 131, Department of issouri, G. A. R., will observe Decoration Day, Saturday, by decorating the graves at St. James, Mo. The St. James Federal Soldiers' Home is at St. James, and more than one hundred of the inmates will take

part in the exercises.

The Ransom Post, every two years, observes the day by a trip to Jefferson Barracks. In other years some other place of Interest is chosen. The train which will take the members to St. James will leave Union Station at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The programme to be carried out is as follows:

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Music. Ransom's Military Band; prayer from G. A. R. ritual, Chaplain T. H. Hagerty; address, Commander D. P. Dyer; reading National and State G. A. R. orders, George E. Smith, adjutant; charges from ritual, Past Commander A. E. Cook; song, Ransom Post Howlers; reading of President Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, Past Commander George A. Newcomb; address, Past National Commander in Chief William Warner; address, Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson; closing address from ritual, Judge J. E. Withrow; benediction, J. F. Corrington; taps.

DEADLOCK IN LAUNDRY STRIKE

All Negotiations for Peaceful Settlement Are Declared Off.

Chicago, May 23.-The laundry strike is to be prosecuted with renewed vigor, a two-hours' conference to-day between em ployers and employes having resulted in a deadlock. Propositions and counter-propositions were submitted, and after futile efforts to arrive at an amicable settlement, committees representing the Laundry Workers Union, the Chicago Federation of Labor, the Engineers', Firemen's and Teamsters union withdrew from the conference, declaring that all negotiations were off. Labor officials assert that all unions affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor will now be brought into sight and that the war will not be directed against the laundries alone, but that union drivers will be instructed not to deliver goods or supplies of any kind, even to the homes of the laundry owners. ployers and employes having resulted in a supplies of any kind, even to the homes of the laundry owners.

The deadlock occurred over a clause pro-viding that no sympathetic strike should be called during the life of the proposed agreement and for the arbitration of all differences.

EXPLOSION ON BOARD STEAMER

One Man Is Dead and Two Passen gers Are Missing.

Quebec, May 23.-The steamship Coban of the Black Diamond Line, from Sydney, Cape Breton, for Montreal, which passed inward off Matane Light yesterday, signaled that an explosion of gas had occurred on board, which completely destroyed the saloon and blew up the poop deck. Three iron beams were also broken in the lower deck.

deck.

A waiter was killed and two steerage pas-sengers are missing, and it is thought they were thrown overboard by the force of the

CURES WEAK MEN FREE.

Insures Love and a Happy Home for All How any man may quickly cure himself after How any man may quickly cure himself after years of suffering from sexual weakness, lost vitality, night losses, varicoccle, etc., and enlarge smell, weak organs to full size and vigot. Simply send your name and address to Doctor Knapp Medical Company, 162 Hull Building, Detroit, Mich., and they will gladly send free receipts with full directions, so that any man may easily cure himself at home. This is certainly a most generous offer, and the following extracts taken from their daily mail show what men think of their generous;

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"Dear Sirs-Please accept my sincere thanks for yours of recent date. I have given your treatment a thorough test and the benefit has been extraordinary. It has completely braced me up. I am just as vigorous as when a boy and you cannot realize how happy I am."

"Dear Sirs-Your method worked beautifully. Results were exactly what I needed. Strength and vigor have completely returned and enlargement is entirely satisfactory."

"Dear Sirs-Yours was received and I had no trouble in making use of the receipt as directed, and can truthfully say it is a boon to weak men. I am greatly improved in size, strength and an accept the said strength.

Weak Man St. BRIDGET'S PARISHIONERS PREPARE TO CELEBRATE CHURCH'S TO CELEBRATE CHURCH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Anniversary of Dedication of Chapel, August 28, 1853, Will Be Observed With Appropriate Ceremonies-Father Phelan, Who Was Present at Ceremony, Has Been Invited to Preach Sermon.



ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Jefferson avenue and Carr street.

The members of the schools and societies will present a programme in the school hall, and the proceeds will be put into the fund which is to be used to defray expenses of the repairs now being made in the church and parochial residence.

Last week an enthustastic meeting of the men of the parish took place, and the Reverend Father Edward Penicn, pastor of the church, was elected honorary chairman, John J. O'Connor chairman and James O'Reilly secretary.

Committees will be appointed, the programme partially determined, and arrangements for the Golden Jubilee perfected within a short time.

The real anniversary will be on August 25, for on that day in 183 the first church leared. It has been decided to defor the beginning of the celebration until the first Sunday sterr the 28th, which will be August 250.

JUBILEE PROGRAMME.

On that Sunday there will be a solemn high mass in the church, and spring from the river posses. For this reason Father Pastors, was present when the dedication of the severend Pather Day and being attracted by the Reverend Pather Day and the first Sunday sterr the 28th, which will be August 250.

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JOHN SHEEHAN.

Knights of America in St. Louis.

SUICIDE LAY FOR DAYS.

Shoemaker's Body Found in New

York Apartment House.

New York, May 22.-After lying dead for

several days, Julius Michel, a shoemaker, was found in his apartment with his throat

He had not been seen in several days, so

the janitor called a policeman and they broke open the door. He had committed sulcide.

Ill health and the fact that he was robbed a week ago caused the shoemaker to end

his life.

Michel was 65 years old and had been a

Shoemaker at that address for twenty-five years. He came here from Germany. His patrons were mostly theatrical people. He was very friendly with the children of the neighborhood, by whom he was called "Cobbler Ice"

"Cobbler Joe."

A few weeks ago Michel's wife and daughter moved to No. 257 West Twenty-ninth street. He went with them, but after a week returned to his shop, to which he was greatly attached.

TOWN IS ALMOST DESTROYED.

Altman, Colo., Suffers From In-

cendiary Blaze.

Cripple Creek, Colo., May 23.-The town of

Altman, on top of Bull Hill, was almost

destroyed by a fire that started early to

The firemen's hose was cut and it is be

lieved the fire was of incendiary origin.
The Cripple Creek Fire Department responded and the flames were finally checked by blowing up several buildings with dyna-

Mr. Sprague Says If in a hurry, go to the Delicatessen Lunch Room. No long waits there.

iny in the Altman Hotel.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

THIS MAN IS ONE OF THE OLDEST

John Sheehan Initiated as Charter

Member of Branch No. 81, on

October 26, 1879.

John Sheehan of No. 821 North Market street has the distinction of being one of the oldest members of the Catholic Knights

of America in St. Louis. He is a charter member of Branch No. 81, having been initiated October 28, 1879.

Although Sheehan has been in the United

States for fifty years, no is still a loyal son of Erin, and one of his greatest pleasures is recounting aneodotes of the "old coun-

He is rather diminutive in stature, but when dressed in the regalia of the Catholic Knights he presents an imposing figure, owing to the erect and soldierly manner in which he carries himself.

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He is a lifelong member of the Catholic Church, and among his most cherished possessions is a large picture containing the likenesses of the Popes, from Peter to Leoviti

Sheehan is a fisherman, and although

sneenan is a insertial, and allowed nearly & years old, can handle his lines and nets with even greater facility than his younger competitors, and succeeds in forcing the Mississippl River to provide him with a good living.

EXHIBIT FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Mass Meeting of Business Men

Considers World's Fair Display.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 23.-The first steps

towards insuring a large and fitting repre-sentation of the great industrial and manu-

facturing establishments of Philadelphia at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St.

Louis next year were taken this afternoon

when a mass meeting of prominent citizens

took place in the Mayor's office, in response

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It was the general opinion of the meeting that a general committee should be appointed to further the object. It was pointed out that such a committee could induce many manufacturers to increase their exhibit and otherwise aid in calling attention to Philadelphia's vast manufacturing interests. A motion that Mayor Weaver appoint such a committee was unanimously adopted. Mayor Weaver said he would announce the committee within forty-eight hours.

MASONIC HOME FOR ILLINOIS.

Corner Stone to Be Laid Near Sul-

livan, June 24.

Decatur, Ill., May 23.—Grand Moster George M. Moulton of the Illinois Masons

new Masonic Home, to be erected near

to make it a notable event among Illinois

given the Masonic Grand Lodge by the late Robert A. Miller.

Robert A. Miller.

The farm is a fine body of land of 200 acres lying two miles from Sullivan, in Moultrie County. The last session of the Grand Lodge appropriated \$25,000 to start the home buildings, but it is intended to spend much more and make this one of the largest of the institutions maintained by fraternal societies in this State.

McCool Case Set for June S.

Decatur, Ill., May 23.-June 8 has been set

as the date for taking up in the Circuit Court the case of Edley McCool for the

of this city, who was killed by McCool on

May 4. Able legal talent is arrayed in the

case, and it will be a hard-fought one. At-

torney C. C. LeForgee and Isaac R. Mills,

former candidate for Congress, and at one time State's Attorney and now Internal Revenue Collector of this district, will defend, and State Attorney W. B. Redmon will be assisted by Attorney John Hogan in the prosecution.

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Sullivan, will be laid June 24. It is pla

ounced that the corner stone of the

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to invitations sent out by Mr. Weaver.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS IN ST. LOUIS.

WASHINGTON AWAITS PRESIDENT'S RETURN

Roosevelt Expected to Announce Appointments Upon His Return in Two Weeks.

THREE NEW TRIPS SCHEDULED.

Chief Executive Will Attend Wedding of Senator Hanna's Daughter and Visit Baltimore and Charlottesville.

The Republic Bureau, Washington, May 23.—President Roosevelt will return to Washington two weeks from to-day. He is scheduled to arrive at 7 o'clock in the evening. The scheduled itinerary of the President has been carried out so far, and the journey has been made at all points on time. Just how long a time the President will spend in Washington on his return is not known at the White House. There are three good places that ought to be filled upon the return of the President-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and a Civil Service Commissioner to succeed Mr. Garfield, who was put at the head of the Trust Bureau of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The President offered the civil service position to a Minnesota man, and has re-ceived a declination. It is believed that offers have been made in both of the assistant secretaryships and that answers have been received.

have been received.

For Assistant Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor there was strong ground some weeks ago for believing that President Clark of the Order of Railway Conductors had been tendered the position. The labor interests of the country felt that labor ought to be recruited by a place in the new department, and the President is known to feel that there is not a better or more conservative man in labor circles in the country than Mr. Clark, who was a member of the Coal-Strike Commission.

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The status of the piace of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to fill the Vacancy Caused by the retirement of Milton E. Alles is believed to be that an offer of the position, already made, is under consideration. In the department there has been great unanimity of feeling that Wallace Hills, chief clerk of the department, was the proper man for the place by reason of his wide and valuable knowledge of the department and its personnel. Secretary Shaw and other officials at the department do not discuss the filling of the vacancy, and so far as known Secretary Shaw has not talked with any one at the department about his intentions or the purpose of the President. It is not thought likely that the President will take upon his return the appointment of an Isthmian Canal Commission. The appointments involved in this commission are the best that will be open to the President in many years.

President Roosevelt is scheduled to make three more presidential trips almost immediately after getting back to Washington. He has accepted the invitation of Senator Hanna to attend the wedding of his daughter and Mr. McCormick of Chicago, and will go to Cleveland trip.

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Directly after getting back from Cleveland he is to go to Baltimore to take part in the festival of the Saengerfest on June 15. On June 16 the President is to attend the commencement excesses of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

Democrats May Begin Stillhunt.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Decatur, Ill., May 23.-There is but on ticket up for the coming election in the ticket up for the coming election in the Sixth Judicial District, the district being Republican by a big majority, but the three candidates are urging that a vote be got out, as it is said there is a still hunt possible by the Democrats. The candidates are Judge W. G. Cochran, to succeed him-self, Judge Boion Philbrick, who was ap-pointed to fill the mexpired term of Judge Wright, and Senator W. C. Johna.

"HALF A LIFETIME I WAS SICK."

"I Will Never be Without Pe-ru-na" Writes Mrs. Sarah Frye, of New Jersey.

Mary Gray, Walkerville, Ontario, Canada, writes: "Pen and ink can never tell of the good Peruna has done for me after severe suffering from congestive catarrhal troubles in my stomach and bowels. I realized the cause had to be removed, as I had your medicine recommended to me by a friend who had used it. I concluded to try it, and found it to fill all the requirements in my case, for a few bottles of it restored me to good health." - Mary Gray.



Tired Women, Run Down. Weary and Weak, Morning, Noon and Night.

Night.

If one were to ask all the nervous, fretted, jaded, fagged-out women who work day after day, hardly able to keep on their feet—if a person were to ask them what their trouble was, one would say dyspepsia, another nervous prostration, another female weakness, and so on.

The fact is, however, that they nearly all have the same disease, and that disease is chronic catarrh.

Thousands of people have chronic catarrh and do not know it.

They realize that they are sick, but they do not suspect their disease is chronic catarrh.

If they have catarrh of the stomach, they call it dyspepsia; if they have general catarrhal debility, they call it nervous prostration; if they have catarrh of the liver or kidneys, they say they are billous or have kidney disease; and if they have catarrh of the pelvic organs they name it female weakness.

The truth is, all these organs are subject to catarrh, and the land is full of toiling women, half invalids, who have chronic catarrh in some stage or form of some of these organs.

Women from all parts of the United States bear testimony to the fact that Perruna cures catarrhal diseases.

A Letter From Mrs. Colonel Gresham Mrs. Col. E. J. Gresham, Treasurer Daughters of the Confederacy, and Presi-dent Herndon Village Improvement Society, writes the following letter from Herndon, Fairfax County, Va:

Fairfax County, Va:

Herndon, Va.

The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:

"I cannot speak too highly of the value of Peruna. I believe that I owe my life to its worths:

"Is wonderfoil merits. I suffered with catarrh of the head and lungs in its worst form, until the doctors fairly gave me up, and I despaired of ever getting well again.

"I noticed your advertisement and the splendid testimonials given by people who had been cured by Peruna, and determined to try a bottle. I felt but little better, but used a second and a third bottle and kept on improving slowly.

"It tooks its bottles to cure inc. our land, were worth a King's ransom to me. I talk were inc. The peruna is a specific in my case. I certainly recommend it to everybody suffering with catarrh. A good many call it dyspepsis, but catarrh is right. My husband path writes:

"For nearly eight years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, and at various times it was all I could do to live from the excessive accumulation of sour water and say per located."

If you do not derive prompt and satisficatory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and never up I feet any meconvenemoe, were worth a King's ransom to me. I talk were, and a true believe in its worth.

Mrs. Salile H. Newsom, Decatur, Ala., writes:

"For nearly eight years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, and at various times it was all I could do to live from the excessive accumulation of sour water and gas on my stomach. I finally got past with a splendid testimonials given by people who had been cured by Peruna, and determined to try a bottle. I felt but little better, but on the stomach and an a true believer in its worth.

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A Grateful Woman's Letter to Dr. Hartman.

MARY GRAY.

Mrs. Sarah Frye, 204 Sylvan Ave., West Asbury Park, N. J., writes;

"I have not words to express my gratitude for the wonderful cure that Peruna has done for me. It is a Godsend to all suffering women. Peruna has done wonderful work for me. I was sick over half of my life with

was sick over half of my life with systemic catarrh. I want this letter published far and wide, as I was a great sufferer, but to-day I feel as well as anybody can feel. Nearly all my life I have spent nearly all I could make and scrape for doctors, but none of them did me any good, but since I started on your Peruna one year ago I have at last found relief in your wonderful Peruna. I had begun to think that I was not going to get well, but thank God I am all well to-day. I hope and pray you may live long to help others as you have helped me. Instead of being a walking drug-store I am growing fat and doing well. I will never be without Peruna."—Mrs. Sarah Frye.

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FAMILY QUARREL

OVER RARE JEWELS.

Dinmonds and Money Left by Woman Merchant Sought in the Courts by Her Heirs.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 23.-There is a dispute among the children of Mrz. Theresa Lynch, a well-known diamond dealer, who died on January 28 last, leaving \$350,000, regarding the whereabouts of large quantities of diamonds and other personal effects belonging to their mother. The residuary estate of Mrs. Lynch, by the terms of her will, was bequeathed to

her children-Mrs. Jennie P. Burr, Ella Levisness, Adelaide Thompson, George M. Lynch, William P. Lynch and Joseph D. Lynch A discovery proceeding instituted by Mrs. Burr to learn what has become of the property in question is now before Surrogate Fitzgerald. rogate Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Burr, in an affidavit, says, on in-formation and belief, that her sister, Mrs. Thompson, has money, diamonds, diamond

rithinks Sister Has Jewells.

The articles Mrs. Burr believes her sister, Mrs. Thompson, received then are a diamond star, a diamond necklace, four diamond and pearl rings, one diamond heart and one gold bag, a purple dress with valuable lace and a red satin bedspread.

Mrs. Burr also stated she believed her brother, William P. Lynch, had certain diamonds and jewelry under his control that belonged to the estate, and she made these statements upon information received from her other brothers. Mrs. Burr is represented by former Surrogate Ransom, who applied to Surrogate Fitzgerald for an order to examine Mrs. Thompson and William P. Lynch in order to learn what has become of the missing property.

William P. Lynch, through his counsel, Maurice Meyer, put in an affidavit denying the statements made by his sister, or that he has in his possession any of the property claimed, and while George M. Lynch declined to make an affidavit, for the reason that he did not want to become involved in a family row, it was stated that

jewelry and clothing under her control, and withholds the same from the executors of the estate. She bases these statements on the fact that Mrs. Thompson accompanied her mother on a trip abroad during the summer of 1902, and was with her when she was stricken with her fatal illness in London, and was intrusted with diamonds and jewelry and about \$2.500 in money.

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Mrs. Burr aiso stated she believed her brother. William P. Lynch, had certain diaproper the statement attributed to him. An affidavit of Joseph D. Lynch was also made, in substance denying the statements of his sister so far as he was concerned. Persongsion was given Mr. Meyer to put in an affidavit of Mrs. Thompson as to the facts charged against her, and Surrogate Fitzgerald reserved his decision.

"Mrs. Burr." said William P. Lynch to a reporter, "has become angry with me because I refused to give her back her note for \$500, which she had given our mother, and which was a lien upon her share of the estate. The property which Mrs. Burr airon state of the estate is purely imaginary."

ary."

Mrs. Thompson, who lives at No. 55 Central Park West, was equally emphatic in her denunciation of Mrs. Burr's action, Mrs. Thompson declared it to be "all spitework."

Mrs. Burr, who lives at No. 12 West One Hundred and Twentieth street, was not at home when a reporter called, but her husband explained the case from her point of view.

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"If the action to discover the property is dismissed by the Surrogate," he said. "an action to recover will be brought in the Supreme Court.

"It is unqualifiedly false that Mrs. Burr has been actuated to make this affidavit by the refusal of her sister to lend her money, or of her brother to destroy her note."

